(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) whether Government have decided to improve the implementation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) As far as the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation is concerned, it has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, with effect from 01-12-1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor. Continuous efforts are being made to implement the scheme effectively. Though the utilisation of funds under the scheme was not as per the expectations but as a result of vigorous monitoring, it has since picked up the momentum.

(d) Yes, Sir. On the basis of suggestions made by the States/UTs, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has since initiated action to suitably modify the SJSRY Guidelines.

News-item "Ill-Conceived Schemes Hamper Anti-Poverty Drive"

2266. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ill conceived schemes hamper Anti Poverty Drive", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the Ist October, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the schemes were conceived for the purpose of appeal but lacked commitment and purpose in most cases and that desired results could not be acheived; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken to make such schemes completely successful and effective in implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In so far as the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation is concerned, it has been implementing

Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored Urban Poverty alleviation Programme, with effect from 01.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor.

The States/UTs are persuaded form time to time for more effective implementation of the programme. In addition, close monitoring is done at the Central level for better results.

(c) No, Sir. Under SJSRY, based on the reports received from the State Governments/UTs till 31-10-2001, 3.62 lakh urban poor have been assisted through setting up of micro enterprises 3.27 lakhs have received training and 378.27 lakhs mandays of work have been generated with the utilisation of funds amounting to Rs., 773 crores (approximately).

(d) On the basis of suggestions made by the States/UTs, Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has since initiated action to suitably modify the SJSRY Guidelines to make the scheme more effective and better result oriented.

Changing the look of Delhi

2267. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) how far the DDA could change the look of Delhi full of unauthorised constructions; and

(b) the number of demolitions made during the last six months in North West Delhi and North Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Land Management Department of DDA has been fixing regular demolition programme with the assistance of police. For this purpose 6 zones have been created each headed by a senior officer of the rank of Joint/Deputy Director who is assisted by Revenue and Engineering staff. Security Guards have been deployed for watch and ward of the Government land and the Assistant Engineers/Junior Engineers for the unauthorised construction in the development areas.

So far as areas falling in North West (Rohini Zone of DDA) and North Delhi are concerned 143 demolition programmes were fixed during the last six months (May to October 2001) as a result of which 2123 structures were demolished and 8.19 acres of land was reclaimed.